
Remarks & Arguments

The application presently contains the following claims:

<i>Independent Claim #</i>	<i>Dependent Claim #s</i>
1	2-19
20	21-26
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No claims are amended.

The specification has been amended. Support for changes to the specification may be found with reference to priority documents (1) Australian Patent Application No. 2002953089, on page 12, lines 4 through 11 and (2) Australian Patent Application No. 2003901793, on page 15, line 20 through page 16, line 3 as well as with reference to FIG. 3 as originally filed with this instant patent application.

Request for Consideration

No substantive office action has been received on the merits of this application, and therefore, there are no pending rejections.

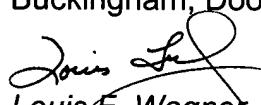
Applicant believes that all independent claims clearly define over the prior art and that the distinctions between the present invention and the prior art would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. Additionally, the remaining dependent claims, by the limitations contained in the base independent claims, are felt to be patentable over the prior art by virtue of their dependency from independent claims which distinguish over the prior art of record. All pending claims are thought to be allowable and reconsideration by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that no new additional searching will be required by the examiner.

A fee determination sheet is attached for this amendment response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required to effect the filing of this document to Account No. 50-0983.

It is respectfully submitted that all references identified by the examiner have been distinguished in a non-obvious way. If the examiner believes that a telephonic conversation would facilitate a resolution of any and/or all of the outstanding issues pending in this application, then such a call is cordially invited at the convenience of the examiner.

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